

In the Drawings

Please replace Figures 7 and 8 with the attached amended Figures 7 and 8.

REMARKS

Claims 10, 13 and 15 are pending in this application with claims 10 and 15 being amended by this response.

Objections to Claims 1-11, 14 and 15

Claims 1-11, 14 and 15 are objected to for certain informalities. These claims have been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner. In view of the above remarks and amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Objection to the Drawings

The Drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the invention as specified in the claims. The specification and Figure 7 have been amended to illustrate the protective sleeve is open at the top end 25 and open at the bottom side 27. Figure 8 and the corresponding description in the specification has been amended to identify the open top side of the U-shaped cross-section by reference numeral 29. As the open top side, open bottom side and open end were disclosed in the original specification and shown in the drawings as filed, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by these amendments. In view of the amendments to the specification and drawings, it is respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Objection to the Specification

The Abstract is objected to for certain informalities. The informality mentioned by the Examiner is not seen by the applicant. However, the Abstract has been amended in

accordance with the applicants understanding of the comments of the Examiner. In view of the amendments to the Abstract, it is respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Objection to Claims 10 and 14

Claim 10 is objected for certain informalities. Claim 10 has been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to correct typographical errors. Claim 14 has been previously cancelled and thus it is respectfully submitted that the rejection with respect to claim 14 is moot. In view of the amendments to claim 10, it is respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 10, 13 and 15 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph

Claims 10, 13 and 15 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The claims have been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner for purposes of clarity to correct any typographical or grammatical errors. In view of the amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Claims 10, 13 and 15 have been indicated as allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. In view of the amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that claims 10, 13 and 15 are now allowable.

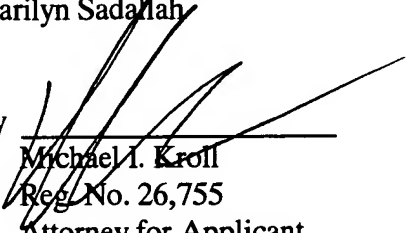
Applicant respectfully requests prompt and favorable examination on the merits of this application. Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate

passage of the case to issuance.

Alternatively, should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance and issuance, he is cordially invited to contact Mr. Michael Kroll, Esq. at 171 Stillwell Lane, Syosset, New York 11791, telephone number (516) 367-7777, so that the present application can receive an early notice of allowance. The address and telephone number for Michael I. Kroll stated above is as listed on the original Power of Attorney.

No fee is believed due with this response. However, should a fee be due, please charge the fee due and not covered by an enclosed check to Deposit Account No. 500716.

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